

7. The prior art, known to the applicant at the time, were the bowthrusters, which we mentioned were the ones that have propellers working electrically or hydraulically in a small tunnel in the boat's bow, transversally pushing water sideways.

Dunn US 4,265,192 has some similarities with ours in using water pressure thrusts through nozzles for maneuvering, and here the similarity ends, because his nozzles are "placed above the water line in a downwardly and outwardly inclined positions".

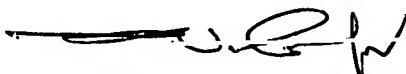
Kiliz et al "shows small boat thrusters." Kiliz US 6,024,038. in his "disclosure" states: "the present invention is directed to a side thruster, for a boat that satisfies his need for an uncomplicated auxiliary maneuvering system, that is easily portable, so that can be installed and removed from a boat relatively inexpensively and efficiently"

Our argument on this is that: An easily portable maneuvering system for a small boat should not be brought as reference to reject our claims which, as its title states is for Motorboats and Motoryachts, and it is to be permanently installed in the hull.

Finally, after reading and examining all references it becomes obvious that the applicant's invention can perform summarily all the desired functions mentioned therein, which the others can only partially perform individually and the former can do it in an easier, cheaper and more professional way.

Therefore, applicant submits, that claims 1 and 3, are allowable over the references cited and respectfully solicits reconsideration and allowance.

Very Respectfully Yours,



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